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NEBRASKA FBLA RECOGNIZES STATE AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently named students who won state competitive events at the 51st annual State Leadership Conference in Omaha.

More than 2,200 students and advisers from 126 Nebraska schools attended the conference with students competing in more than 60 chapter, team and individual events. Students who placed first, second or third in most events will compete at the national conference in Anaheim, California, June 27-30.



The 2013-2014 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:

Louden Redinger of Shelton High School, president
Calen Griffin of Chase County High School, vice president
Alyssa Ehlers of Adams Central High School, secretary
Myan Bhoopalam of Lincoln East High School, treasurer
Cody McCain of Tri County High School, reporter
Trevor Koger of Arlington High School, parliamentarian

Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser

Julie Jensen, Aurora High School

Nebraska FBLA National Businessperson of the Year

Bonnie Kudron of HDR, Inc., Omaha

Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year

Buckle, Inc., Kearney

Honorary Life Member

Anna Uden, Educational Service Unit No. 3, Omaha

Members receiving first, second and third place awards are:

Accounting I

First place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School
Second place: Matt Blunck of Osmond High School
Third place: Elizabeth Galliard of Northwest High School, Grand Island

Accounting II

First place: Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School
Second place: Aaron Estrada of Bellevue West High School
Third place: Haley Oberbrockling of Kearney High School

American Enterprise Project

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Fairbury High School
Third place: Malcolm High School

Banking and Financial Systems

First place: Alex Nielsen, Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School
Second place: Madison Bastian, Sydney Miller, Trevor Koger of Arlington High School
Third place: Loyur Root, Tianye Chen of Lincoln East High School

Business Calculations

First place: Tianye Chen of Lincoln East High School
Second place: Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School
Third place: Jordan Nash of Adams Central High School

Business Communication

First place: Kate Garrett of Blair High School
Second place: Sarah Moody of Seward High School
Third place: Catherine Burns of Lincoln High School

Business Ethics

First place: Zach Goltz, Elizabeth Sanderson, Danielle Titus of Aurora High School
Second place: Dalton Snyovec, Jordan Steffen, Zoe Tuttle of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Third place: Leah Arens, Shayla Mandl, Michael Wright of Stanton High School

Business Financial Plan

First place: Katie Jackson, Bryce Westenburg, Brandie Westhart of Johnson-Brock High School
Second place: Lupe Dimas, Ricky Nunez, Kyle Schwisow of Meridian High School
Third place: Melissa Christiansen, Zaidya Hirschman of Stanton High School

Business Law

First place: Austin Barry of Bishop Neumann High School, Wahoo
Second place: Jesse Ackerman of Adams Central High School
Third place: Allison Braun of Heartland High School

Business Math

First place: Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Kaitlyn Oppliger of Blair High School
Third place: Aaron Halvorsen of Syracuse High School

Business Plan

First place: Blair Hofstetter, Brandon Jackson, Miranda Johnson of Meridian High School
Second place: Amzie Dunekacke, Claire Rush, Brandie Westhart of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Kayleigh Oxford, Kate Radosta of Bellevue West High School

Business Presentation

First place: Carol Crabtree, Lane Grimes of Lakeview High School, Columbus

Second place: Natalie Elwood, Tara Bornemeier, Hanna Justesen of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Jake Kittle, McClain Narber, Logan Ohlson of Aurora High School

Business Procedures

First place: Seth Berggren of Blair High School

Second place: Lauren Kuta of Scotus High School, Columbus

Third place: Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School

Client Service

First place: Alex Boulton of Arlington High School

Second place: Abby Cervený of Aurora High School

Third place: Cade Duvel of Dundy County Stratton High School

Community Service Project

First place: Bellevue East High School

Second place: Blair High School

Third place: Dundy County Stratton High School

Computer Applications

First place: Ashli Soukup of Meridian High School

Second place: Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School

Third place: Kaitlyn Klein of Twin River High School

Computer Game and Simulation Programming

First place: Jaron Ahmann, Nathaniel Dreher of Lincoln North Star High School

Second place: Katie Sedlar, Austin Koch of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Andrew Bartunek, Troy Smith of Omaha South High School

Computer Problem Solving

First place: Michael Forsman of Aurora High School

Second place: Andy Adkisson of Omaha North High School

Third place: Brandon Franklin of Bellevue West High School

Cyber Security

First place: Brandon Franklin of Bellevue West High School

Second place: Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School

Third place: Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School

Database Design and Applications

First place: Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School

Second place: Noah Springer of Cedar Bluffs High School

Third place: Tyler Ebeler of Johnson-Brock High School

Desktop Application Programming

First place: Michael Forsman of Aurora High School

Second place: Andrew Bartunek of Omaha South High School

Desktop Publishing

First place: Morgan Kumm, Gavin Friedrich of Wausa High School

Second place: Kara Dauel, Mallory Paitz of Pleasanton High School

Third place: Alivia Wardyn, Kaitlin Kratzer of Litchfield High School

Digital Design and Promotion

First place: Callen Hedglen, Scott Hedglen of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Meghan Schildt, Aaron Steckly of Milford High School

Third place: Bryant Grimminger of Raymond Central High School

Digital Video Production

First place: Meggie Grosshans, Alex Schneider of Aurora High School

Second place: Julie Slama, Emily Slama, Melanie Slama of Auburn High School

Third place: Reid Friedrich, Devon Munter of Wausa High School

E-business

First place: Lauren Bowman, Hanna Justesen, Lindsey Oehlerking of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Sydney Stadler of Minden High School

Third place: Jared Knust, Bill Spilker of Tri County High School

Economics

First place: Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School

Third place: Andrew Wunderlich of Lincoln East High School

Electronic Career Portfolio

First place: Alex Raun of Minden High School

Second place: Mikah Wright of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Ashley Fish of Centennial High School

Emerging Business Issues

First place: Ashtyne Nachtigal, Taylor Thiel, Blake Scism of Aurora High School

Second place: Tyler Jones, Lauren Bowman, Cody Brown of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Alyssa Winterfeld, Lauren Sheperd of Seward High School

Entrepreneurship

First place: Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School

Second place: Cole Ashby, Emily Braun, Seth Fosket of Aurora High School

Third place: Kylee Gwinn, Cherish Harbor, Keith Ross of Omaha Benson High School

FBLA Principles and Procedures

First place: Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Debra Seeley of Bellevue West High School

Third place: Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School

Future Business Leader

First place: Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School

Second place: Brent Comstock of Auburn High School

Third place: Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School

Global Business

First place: Myan Bhoopalam, Tianye Chen, Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Cody Brown, Tyler Jones of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Eric Le, Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School

Health Care Administration

First place: Ryan Lunz of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School

Second place: Sally Moore of Fillmore Central High School

Third place: Thanh Vo of Lincoln Southwest High School

Help Desk

First place: Michael Forsman of Aurora High School

Second place: Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Troy Smith of Omaha South High School

Hospitality Management

First place: Justin Aaberg of Stanton High School

Second place: Dean Detten of Gretna High School

Third place: Manizha Kholmatov of Lincoln East High School

Impromptu Speaking

First place: Carl Heinicke of Seward High School

Second place: Bryant Grimminger of Raymond Central High School

Third place: Shelby Thayer of Platteview High School

Introduction to Business

First place: Bryce Frey of Neligh-Oakdale High School

Second place: Haley Huebert of Heartland High School

Third place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School

Introduction to Business Communication

First place: Austin Van Velson of Seward High School

Second place: Marcus Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School

Third place: Josh Lampe of Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

First place: Cody McCain of Tri County High School

Second place: Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

Third place: Becca Laub of Grand Island Northwest High School

Introduction to Technology Concepts

First place: Blake Bracht of Arlington High School

Second place: Austin Van Velson of Seward High School

Third place: Emin Tahirov of Elkhorn High School

Job Interview

First place: Brent Comstock of Auburn High School

Second place: Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School

Third place: Elizabeth Morris of Aurora High School

Keyboarding Knowledge

First place: Haley Huebert of Heartland High School

Second place: Samantha Hoppe of Syracuse High School

Third place: Marissa Campbell of Litchfield High School

Local Chapter Annual Business Report

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Lakeview High School, Columbus

Third place: Raymond Central High School

Management Decision Making

First place: Dalton Dey, Dylan Scheele of Centennial High School

Second place: Erin Bohling, Kelsey Bohling, Nicole Carbajal of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Ryan Hackett, Beth Morris, Allyson Wilson of Aurora High School

Management Information Systems

First place: Blake Bracht, Kale Peterson, Kami Timm of Arlington High School

Second place: Andy Adkisson, Kevin Lust of Omaha North High School

Third place: River Towne, Steven Towne of Auburn High School

Marketing

First place: Elizabeth Milliken, Grant Siekman, Tyler Stansberry of Bennington High School

Second place: Lauren Bowman, Lindsey Oehlerking, Zoe Tuttle of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Akua Dawes, Manizha Kholmatov, Austin Koch of Lincoln East High School

Network Design

First place: Avery Miller, Christian Wagner, Jake Weskamp of York High School

Second place: River Towne, Steven Towne of Auburn High School

Third place: Amanda German, Cody Young of Cozad High School

Networking Concepts

First place: Jared Knust of Tri County High School

Second place: Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Cory Young of Cozad High School

Parliamentary Procedure Team

First place: Alicia Avitia, Amy Chen, Aubrey High, Kaelin Hynes of Gibbon High School

Second place: Nicholas Eichalberger, Beth Koca, Sally Moore, Danny Wythers of Fillmore Central High School

Third place: Whitney Aman, Anna Berggren, Seth Berggren, Olivia Maras of Blair High School

Parliamentary Procedure Individual

First place: Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School
Second place: Amy Chen of Gibbon High School
Third place: Seth Berggren of Blair High School

Partnership with Business

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Blair High School
Third place: Bellevue West High School

Personal Finance

First place: Brent Beethe of Johnson County Central High School
Second place: Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School
Third place: Cody Ernesti of West Point-Beemer High School

Proofreading

First place: Shawna Paitz of Litchfield High School
Second place: Nicole Wardyn of Litchfield High School
Third place: Marissa Campbell of Litchfield High School

Public Speaking I

First place: Colin Hensel of Bellevue East High School
Second place: Katie Ruth of Adams Central High School
Third place: Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School

Public Speaking II

First place: Zoe Tuttle of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Lorianne Harley of Bellevue West High School
Third place: Lane Grimes of Lakeview High School, Columbus

Spelling

First place: Austin Van Velson of Seward High School
Second place: Grant Moles of Johnson County Central High School
Third place: Jeb Vavak of Ashland-Greenwood High School

Sports Management

First place: Blake Bracht of Arlington High School
Second place: Dalton Dey of Centennial High School
Third place: Logan Deckard of Concordia High School, Omaha

Spreadsheet Applications

First place: Gavin Friedrich of Wausa High School
Second place: Dominic Richardson of Syracuse High School
Third place: Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School

Technology Concepts

First place: Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School
Second place: Seth Berggren of Blair High School
Third place: Michael Forsman of Aurora High School

Web Site Design

First place: Bill Spilker, Jared Knust of Tri County High School
Second place: Cody Brown, Gary Ritnour, Jordan Steffen of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Third place: Kaelin Hynes, Micah Stall of Gibbon High School

Word Processing I

First place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School
Second place: Rebekah Larson of Heartland High School
Third place: Eve Vanderneck of Heartland High School

Word Processing II

First place: Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School
Second place: Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School

Third place: Jacy Spencer of Sandhills High School

Other Nebraska FBLA state award recognitions include:

Outstanding Chapter Reporter

Brooklynne Southworth of Sargent High School

Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Awards

12th Grade – Richard Black of Waverly High School

11th Grade – Julie Slama of Auburn High School

10th Grade – Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

9th Grade – Marti Ita of Elmwood-Murdock High School

8th Grade – Brad Ernesti of Arlington High School

Scholarship Recipients

- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Brent Comstock of Auburn High School, Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School
- \$500 FBLA Scholarship sponsored by Gallup: Amy Demers of Blair High School
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March of Dimes Mission Triangle Excellence Award

Cozad High School

Twin River High School

National Business Achievement Awards, Leader Level

Jake Albracht, Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

Emily Slama, Julie Slama of Auburn High School

Tate Jensen of Dundy County Stratton High School

Collin Sears of Kearney High School

Austin Koch of Lincoln East High School

Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School

Kaylee Fike of Sandy Creek High School

Mackenzie Skupa of Silver Lake High School

Jared Knust, Bill Spilker of Tri County High School

Adviser Service Recognition Awards

35 years: Beth Manzer of Osmond High School, Celeste Rogers of Sandhills High School

30 years: Kurk Shrader of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Kris Gaebel of Gretna High School

25 years: Pat Olson of Blair High School, Peggy Parker of Dundy County Stratton High School, Teresa Hansmire of Fairbury High School

15 years: Jane Blum of Minden High School, Eric Brandl of Norfolk Catholic High School

10 years: Shawn Mulligan of Adams Central High School, Lois Hixson of Aurora High School, Kristy Most of Heartland High School, Tennille Gifford of Kearney High School, Tom Budnick of Kenesaw High School, Shelly Mowinkel of Milford High School, JoAnn Wilson of Morrill High School, Hope Beam of Norfolk Lutheran Northeast High School, Mike Gardner of Omaha Bryan High School, Joe York of Southern Valley High School, Betty Shanle of Twin River High School, Dave Bahe of Wood River High School

5 years: Andrew Werner of Bellevue East High School, Sandy O'Neil of Chase County High School, Cletus Corman of Deshler High School, Dustin Buggi of Johnson County Central High School, Rita Bennett of Lincoln Public Schools Entrepreneurship Focus Program, Laura Rikli of Lincoln High School, Deb Wolken of Lincoln Northeast High School, Josh Hinrichs of Lincoln Southwest High

School, Carrie Stolinski of Skutt Catholic High School, Jacqui Garrison of Pleasanton High School, John Stineman of Shelby-Rising City High School, Lori Harding of Wakefield High School

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